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The Honorable Joe Wilson
Member, U.S. House of Representatives
1930 University Parkway
Suite 1600
Aiken, South Carolina 29801

Dear Congressman Wilson:

Thank you for your May 18, 2016, letter to Laura Vaught, former Associate Administrator for Congressional & Intergovernmental Relations at the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, on behalf of your constituent, (b) (6) (b) (6) expressed concerns regarding excessive loud noise coming from the steam equipment and vents at Kimberly-Clark Beech Island Mill. Your letter was forwarded to the Region 4 office in Atlanta, Georgia, for response.

In 1981, it was determined that noise issues were best handled at the state and local level, and primary responsibility of addressing noise issues was transferred to State and local governments. Therefore, the EPA no longer has authority in this area. For additional information (b) (6) may wish to contact Rhonda Thompson, Chief of the Air Quality Branch at South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC). Ms. Thompson can be reached at (803) 898-4391.

I hope you find the above information helpful. If you have questions or need additional information from the EPA please contact me or Allison Wise in the Office of Government Relations at (404) 562-8327.

Sincerely,


Heather McTeer Toney
Regional Administrator

cc: Rhonda Thompson
DHEC